

Cruel Barbara Allen.

IN Scarlet town, where I was born,
There was a fair maid dwellin,
Made every youth cry, Wel-awaye!
Her name was Barbara Allen.

All in the merrye month of May,
When green buds they were swellin,
Young Jamie on his death-bed lay,
For love of Barbara Allen.

He sent his man unto her then,
To the town where she was dwellin;
You must come to my master dear,
If your name be Barbara Allen.

For death is printed on his face,
And o'er his heart is stealin:
Then haste away to comfort him,
O lovely Barbara Allen.

Though death is printed on his face,
And o'er his heart is stealin,
Yet little better shall he be,
For bonny Barbara Allen.

So slowly, slowly, she came up,
And slowly she came nye him;
And a' she said when there she came,
Young man, I think you're dying.

He turn'd his face unto her straight,
With deadlye sorrow fighin;
O lovely maid, come pity me,
I'm on my death-bed lyin.

If on your death-bed you do lye,
What needs the tale you're tellin:
I cannot keep you from your death,
Farewell, sayd Barbara Allen.

He turn'd his face unto the wall,
As deadlye pangs he fell in;
Adieu! Adieu! Adieu to all!
Adieu to Barbara Allen!

As she was walking o'er the fields,
She heard the bell a knellin:
And every stroke did seem to say,
Unworthy Barbara Allen.

She turn'd her body round about,
And spy'd the corpse a coming;
Lay down, lay down the corpse, she said,
That I may look upon him.

With scornful eye she looked down,
Her cheeks with laughter swellin;
Whilst all her friends cry'd out amain,
Unworthy Barbara Allen.

When he was dead and laid in grave,
Her harte was struck with sorrow,
O mother, mother, make my bed,
For I shall dye to morrow.

Hard-hearted creature! him to flight,
Who loved me so dearly:
O that I had been more kind to him,
When he was alive, and near me!

She on her death-bed as she lay,
Begg'd to be buried by him;
And sore repented of the day,
That she did e'er denye him.

Farewell, she sayd, ye virgins all,
And shun the fault I fell in:
Henceforth take warning by the fall
Of cruel Barbara Allen.